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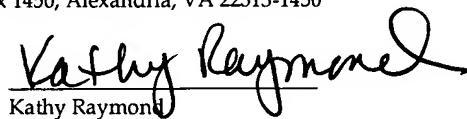
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Applicant :	Raymond P. Mariella, Jr., et al.	Docket No. :	IL-11001
Serial No. :	10/718,856	Art Unit :	1637
Filed :	11/21/2003	Examiner :	Stephanie Kane Mummert
For :	DERIVATIZED VERSIONS OF LIGASE ENZYMES FOR CONSTRUCTING DNA SEQUENCES		

AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: